

CLEAN VERSION:

C1 22. (Amended) A method for controlling voice or data or both types of communications for use with a communication facility including remote terminals for individual callers, wherein said remote terminals include a digital input device for providing digital responsive signals, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving caller number identification signals indicative of at least a portion of a caller's number from said communication facility;

cuing select ones of said remote terminals to prompt selective actuation by an individual caller of said digital input device to provide responsive signals;

selectively identifying said responsive signals from said select ones of said remote terminals as digital data signals or digital control signals, wherein certain of said responsive signals can serve as digital data signals, digital control signals, or both, said responsive signals including signals indicative of a customer identification number for the individual caller that may be utilized to access a file for said individual caller;

testing at least a portion of said customer identification number for approval;

recording said caller number identification signals from said communication facility as additional data for said individual caller;

transferring a call from said individual caller to an attended terminal and displaying at least a portion of data stored in said file to an operator at said attended terminal under control of said responsive signals indicative of said customer identification number and displaying at least a portion of the customer identification

number at the attended terminal wherein the operator at said attended terminal is capable of entering data to facilitate completion of the call from said individual caller; and  
confirming with said individual caller certain of said data stored in said file for said individual caller.

23. (Amended) A method for controlling voice-data communications with a system operating a format for use with a communication facility including remote terminals for use by certain individual callers, wherein said remote terminals include a digital input device for providing digital responsive signals, said method comprising the steps of:

interfacing said certain individual callers with an interface unit of said system operating the format;

prompting said individual callers via a voice generator to provide responsive signals representative of identification data via said digital input device of said remote terminals;

receiving from said individual callers responsive signals representative of caller identification data;

comparing said caller identification data received against a file on said individual callers to determine if said caller identification data received is already of record;

utilizing said caller identification data received to access the file to locate other data associated with said caller identification data;

transferring at least certain of said individual callers to an attended terminal; and

displaying at said attended terminal at least a portion of the other data associated with the caller identification data and at least a portion of the responsive signals representative of caller identification data; and

confirming with said individual caller, via the voice generator, certain of said data stored in said file for said individual caller.

24. (Amended) A method for controlling voice-data communications for use with a communication facility including remote terminals for individual callers from a pool of individual callers, wherein said remote terminals include a digit input device for providing responsive signals, said method comprising the steps of:

C1 cuing via a voice generator select ones of said remote terminals to prompt selective actuation by certain callers from said pool of individual callers of said digit input device to provide responsive signals;

receiving responsive signals from the individual callers including caller credit card number data and caller expiration date data entered via the digit input device;

testing the caller credit card number data and the caller expiration date data for approval;

receiving at least certain of caller number identification signals as identification signals;

transferring certain of the callers to an attended terminal and displaying at the attended terminal certain of the data entered by the callers during the course of calls; and

confirming with the callers, via the voice generator, certain of the data stored in the file for the callers.

26. (Amended) A method for controlling voice-data communications with a system operating a format for use with a communication facility including remote terminals for use by certain of said plurality of individual callers, wherein said remote terminals include a digital input device for providing digital responsive signals, said method comprising the steps of:

C2 interfacing said certain of said plurality of said individual callers with an interface unit of said system operating the format;

prompting said individual callers to provide responsive signals via said digital input device of said remote terminals;

receiving from said individual callers responsive signals representative of caller identification data;

transferring at least certain of said individual caller to an attended terminal based on a condition initiated by an individual caller;

the condition automatically causing a display associated with the caller identification data including at least a portion of the caller identification data to appear at the attended terminal; and

confirming with the caller, via the voice generator, at least certain of the data stored for the caller.

**REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2002. Claims 22-29 are pending, all of which are rejected. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested based on the response submitted.